

# House File 740 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

REGULATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO WILDLIFE UNDER THE  
JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.40 USE OF DRUGS ON WILDLIFE  
== PENALTY.

1. For the purposes of this section, "drug" means any  
chemical substance, other than food, that affects the  
structure or biological function of any wildlife under the  
jurisdiction of the department of natural resources.

2. Except with written authorization from the director or  
the director's designee or as otherwise provided by law, a  
person shall not administer any drug to any wildlife under the  
jurisdiction of the department of natural resources, including  
but not limited to drugs used for fertility control, disease  
prevention or treatment, immobilization, or growth  
stimulation.

3. This section does not prohibit the treatment of sick or  
injured wildlife by a licensed veterinarian or holder of a  
wildlife rehabilitation permit.

4. This section shall not be construed to limit employees  
of agencies of the state, the United States, or local animal  
control officers, licensed animal shelters, or licensed pounds  
in the performance of their official duties related to public  
health, wildlife management, or wildlife removal. However, a  
drug shall not be administered by any person for fertility  
control or growth stimulation except as provided in subsection  
2.

5. An officer of the department may take possession of or  
dispose of any wildlife under the jurisdiction of the  
department of natural resources that the officer reasonably  
believes has been administered drugs in violation of this  
section.

6. A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
serious misdemeanor.

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PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

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JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
is known as House File 740, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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MARK BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor